

4. (Amended) The electric power steering apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the torque limiter comprises a split ring of resilient material having a plurality of engagement rings extending axially of the split ring and formed on an outer peripheral surface of the split ring at equal intervals in [the] a circumferential direction of the split ring, the engagement ribs being normally in friction engagement with an inner peripheral surface of the nut and being resiliently deformable in a radial inward direction of the split ring when subjected to the torque larger than the predetermined value.

5. (Amended) The electric power steering apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the electric motor includes a commutator attached to the motor shaft and having a brush-contact surface, and brushes being in slide contact with the brush-contact surface of the commutator, the brush-contact surface extending in a plane perpendicular to an axis of the motor shaft.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 15, 2003, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

By this amendment, claims 3-5 are amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-6 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Claims 4 and 5 were objected to for minor informalities. The Applicants have amended claims 4 and 5 responsive to the objection.